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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY SISCO FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJ: NEA CHIEFS OF MISSION CONFERENCE

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1. DELIGHTED YOU ARE PLANNING HOLD CHIEFS OF MISSION MEETING IN TEHRAN APRIL 23-24 AND THAT DEPSEC RUSH WILL JOIN YOU. I LOOK FORWARD TO ATTENDING BUT REGRET CHILDREN'S SPRING VACATION PRECLUDES DIDI'S ACCOMPANYING ME.

2. VERY MUCH HOPE DEPSEC RUSH AND YOU WILL CONSIDER BRIEF STOP IN COLOMBO DURING YOUR POST- TEHRAN TOUR. AS YOU KNOW, SRI LANKA IS ONLY SOUTH ASIAN COUNTRY WHICH HAS NOT BEEN VISITED BY SENIOR OFFICIAL OF NIXON ADMINISTRATION. SECRETARY'S AIRPORT STOP LAST SUMMER WAS VALUABLE BUT HE WAS UNABLE TO MAKE FORMAL VISIT AND PM BANDARANAIKE'S ABSENCE AT THAT TIME PRECLUDED HIS HAVING OPPORTUNITY TO MEET HER. FURTHER, CHINESE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY MAKE QUITE A SPLASH HERE AT TIME OF OPENING PF PRC- BUILT BANDARANAIKE MEMORIAL HALL IN LATE MAY, TO WHICH CHOU EN- LAI HAS BEEN INVITED. RUSH- SISCO VISIT PREVIOUS MONTH WOULD UNDERSCORE CONTINUING USG INTEREST THIS COUNTRY IN AFTERMATH VIETNAM SETTLEMENT AND NEW POST- DEC 71 CONSTELLATION OF FORCES IN SOUTH ASIA.

3. THERE IS POSSIBILITY OF VISIT BY SOVIET CRUISER HERE SECOND HALF OF APRIL, BUT IF IT MATERIALIZES SHOULD BE WELL OUT OF THE WAY BEFORE YOUR PROPOSED SOUTH ASIA TRIP. AND IN VIEW OF THE POSITIVE U. S. STANCE AT RECENT PARIS GROUP

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MEETING, I DO NOT BELIEVE A BRIEF STOP IN SRI LANKA WOULD
UNDULY AROUSE GSL EXPECTATIONS OF FURTHER U. S. ASSISTANCE.
IN SUM, RUSH- SISCO VISIT HERE WOULD DEFINITELY BE ADVANTAGEOUS
FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW AND WOULD, I AM SURE, BE WELCOMED BY GSL.
VAN HOLLEN

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